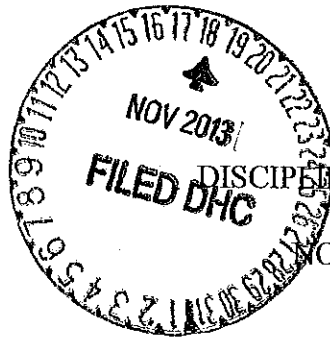


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
13 DHC 29

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, )  
)  
Plaintiff, )  
)  
v. )  
)  
CHRISTOPHER G. HARPER, Attorney, )  
)  
Defendant. )

ANSWER

The Defendant, by and through Counsel responding to the Complaint of the Plaintiff alleges and says:

1. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
2. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
3. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
4. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
5. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
6. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
7. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
8. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
9. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
10. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
11. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
12. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
13. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
14. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
15. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
16. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
17. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.

The Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in each and every alphabetically identified paragraph following paragraph 17 of the complaint.

### **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

18. Paragraph 18 is a transitional paragraph and contains no allegations and should it need a response the Defendant specifically denies same.

19. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

20. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

21. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 21 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

22. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 22 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.

23. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 23 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.

24. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

25. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 25 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.

The Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in each and every alphabetically identified paragraph following paragraph 25 of the complaint.

### **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

26. Paragraph 26 is a transitional paragraph and contains no allegations and should it need a response the Defendant specifically denies same.

27. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 27 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

28. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

29. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 29 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

30. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 30 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

31. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 31 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

32. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 32 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

33. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 33 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.

34. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 34 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

35. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 35 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

36. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

37. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 37 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
38. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 38 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits to the allegation of issuing a check to Mrs Mack in the amount of \$6,250 but denies any remaining allegations as contained therein.
39. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 39 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies. The Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in each and every alphabetically identified paragraph following paragraph 39 of the complaint.

#### **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

40. Paragraph 40 is a transitional paragraph and contains no allegations and should it need a response the Defendant specifically denies same.
41. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
42. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 42 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
43. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 43 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
44. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 44 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
45. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 45, the Defendant admits that he made the check payable to himself, but cashed the check and turned the proceeds over to Shinika Lewis, as to any remaining allegations, the Defendant denies.
46. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 46 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
47. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 47 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
48. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 48 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
49. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 49 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
50. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 50 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
51. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 51 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits. The Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in each and every alphabetically identified paragraph following paragraph 51 of the complaint.

#### **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

52. Paragraph 52 is a transitional paragraph and contains no allegations and should it need a response the Defendant specifically denies same.
53. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 53 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.

- 54. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 54 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
- 55. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 55 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
- 56. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 56 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
- 57. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 57 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
- 58. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 58 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
- 59. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 59 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
- 60. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 60 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
- 61. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 61 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
- 62. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 62 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
- 63. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 63 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
- 64. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 64 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
- 65. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 65 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.

The Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in each and every alphabetically identified paragraph following paragraph 65 of the complaint.

#### **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

- 66. Paragraph 66 is a transitional paragraph and contains no allegations and should it need a response the Defendant specifically denies same.
- 67. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 67 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
- 68. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 68 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.
- 69. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 69 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits that His uncle had no funds in the trust account but the Defendant had funds in the trust account..
- 70. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 70 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies
- 71. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 71 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.
- 72. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 72 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.

The Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in each and every alphabetically identified paragraphs following paragraph 72 of the complaint.

#### **SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF.**

- 73. Paragraph 73 is a transitional paragraph and contains no allegations and should it need a response the Defendant specifically denies same.

74. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 74 of the Complaint, the Defendant admits.  
75. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 75 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies  
76. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 76 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.  
77. As to the allegations contained in paragraph 77 of the Complaint, the Defendant denies.  
The Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in each and every alphabetically identified paragraphs following paragraph 77 of the complaint.

Wherefore, the Defendant prays that:

- (1) No action be taken against him
- (2) That the Plaintiff's be taxed with the costs of this action;
- (3) for such further and additional relief that might be appropriate.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013



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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**COUNTY OF DURHAM**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the undersigned this date has served the **ANSWER**, in the foregoing action upon all the parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof, postage prepaid, in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed to the party or attorney or attorneys for said parties as follows:

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